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Their shot at 'SportsCenter'



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For those who want their pretty mug on television, their chance to shine was Tuesday afternoon, the place was Dexter Lawn and the event was the Cal Poly Television guest sports anchor tryouts. Leading the pack of hopefuls were speech communication junior Shallon Lester and journalism sophomore Jacob Jackson.

All 12 of the participants did an on-the-spot segment, where they got one read-through of a pre-written script and then were thrown in front of the camera with only cue cards to guide them.

The event was put on by CPTV with the help of a group of students in a beginning public relations class as a way to get more students informed and excited about the show, which is produced every Thursday and runs throughout the weekend.

The two winners will get their chance at fame as they guest anchor a four minute sports segment. This first one is scheduled to appear on this week's show and the other will follow next week.

Journalism department denied accreditation

By Katherine Gernhardt
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (ACEJMC) supported an earlier committee's recommendation that the Cal Poly journalism department should not be re-accredited.

The ACEJMC is affiliated with the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC).

The council reached its decision after reviewing information from an ACEJMC group that visited Cal Poly earlier this year, and the ACEJMC's

accrediting committee that later convened in Chicago.

Harold Hellenbrand, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, attended the council's meeting in Washington, D.C., on May 3. He said that because of the number of schools the council was considering, Cal Poly was only discussed for about 10 minutes.

Hellenbrand said that Jannette Dates, a member of the ACEJMC group that visited Cal Poly, presented her team's findings, and then another mod-

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Helping youth, not partying is focus of mentor group

By Justin Ruttkay
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

high and high school students within the San Luis Obispo community.

Whether skateboarding at the local skate park or engaging in a few frames of bowling, members of Younglife try and find fun and productive activities for kids to participate in.

Cal Poly students are often recognized in the community as a bunch of raging, out-of-control individuals whose ultimate goal is to find the next party.

However, a group of Cal Poly students and alumni have created a new stereotype for the college student — one that tries to help and mentor kids just for the sake of doing something positive for someone else. The group is called Younglife, and it has received much attention from junior

The organization was established in order for community youth to have an opportunity to spend time with college students who want to help them mature and grow as indi-

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Speaker provides inspiration for underdog

By Sarah E. Thien
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Those who complain about the lack of diversity at Cal Poly weren't in Chumash Auditorium on Monday night when people of all races, ages, gender and sexual orientation gathered to hear Sabrina Sojourner speak.

About 150 people attended the opening ceremonies of CommUNITY Pride Week to hear keynote speaker Sojourner, who was the first openly gay woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress. She was the U.S. Representative to Congress from the District of Columbia from 1997 to 1999, elected by an overwhelming 83 percent of the vote. Sojourner is currently acting as the director of diversity programs and Women of Color programs for the National Organization for Women.

During her speech, Sojourner touched on many topics, but her favorite subject was self-worth. She said that if she had to focus on only one issue, it would be to help people see their own self-worth and beauty. Sojourner also had a message for any student, gay or straight, who may be

interested in pursuing a career in politics.

"Don't be afraid to be who you are," she said. "It's important to own who you are, because if you own who you are, they can't use it against you."

Monica Martinez, an agricultural science sophomore and vice president of Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals United, helped bring Sojourner to Cal Poly. She said the GLBU had been planning the event since October. Students came to hear Sojourner speak for different reasons. For Martinez, Sojourner is one of her inspirations.

"She's amazing," she said. "She shows the potential of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people everywhere. I want to be just like her."

Economics freshman Dianne Hardcastle said she came to see a "cool" speaker, hear about politics and possibly expand her horizons. Hardcastle said she will try to make it to as many CommUNITY Pride Week events as possible, especially since they are all presented to stu-

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Sabrina Sojourner, the first openly gay U.S. Congresswoman, kicked off CommUNITY Pride events on Monday night with a speech in Chumash Auditorium. Sojourner spoke about self-worth and progress.

Weather WATCH

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THURSDAY
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TODAY'S MOON

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TODAY'S TIDE

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Low: 7:07 a.m. / -0.70 feet
High: 2:16 p.m. / 3.26 feet
Low: 5:50 p.m. / 2.73 feet

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dents free of charge.

The speech itself was a cross between a poetry reading and an inspirational speech. Afterward, Sojourner answered questions from the audience, ranging from, "Why do straight people hate us?" to, "Are you single?" Sojourner said that yes, she is single and that some straight people may dislike gays for various reasons.

"For straight men especially, the idea of a man thinking about them the way they think about women terrifies the sh— out of them," she said.

Perhaps Sojourner's most important message of the night was to acknowledge the progress already made in the gay rights movement and to warn people not to act like victims.

"We've already won the war for gay rights," she said. "We just have a few more battles to fight."



Foothill Boulevard bridges adapt for bicyclists

By Dawn Rapp
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Bicyclists riding to school on Foothill Boulevard can now feel a little bit safer.

Recent changes have been made to the temporary bridge crossings so that cyclists now have their own lanes.

Bikers are no longer allowed to travel on the vehicle bridge crossing, but are instructed to use the new designated lanes.

"We want to alert people that bicycles are now prohibited on the bridge," said Larry Tolson, project coordinator.

Tolson said that the changes were made a few weeks ago to make it safer for drivers and bikers. Bicyclists ini-

tially had to cross the narrow vehicle bridges that aren't designed for cyclists or pedestrians. The vehicle bridges are made of wooden planks that are dangerous for bike riders, Tolson said.

Pedestrians and bikers now have walkways and lanes on both sides of the road. The bike lane that heads away from campus now directly leads the biker onto a designated walkway. Bicyclists are supposed to walk their bikes on the designated walkway, but Tolson said he hasn't seen that happening.

"I haven't seen bikers following the signs to walk," Tolson said, "but that isn't really a major concern to us."

Mechanical engineering sophomore David Huang said that he rides

his bike along Foothill Boulevard regularly and is happy about the changes.

"I thought it was unsafe, the way they had it before," he said. "Cars don't slow down for bikers on the bridge."

When asked if he walks his bike across the new walkway, Huang said that he didn't.

"I don't think anybody walks across it (because) it's only 20 feet long," he said.

The new changes have included opening up a pedestrian walkway and bike lane on the campus-bound side of Foothill Boulevard. The City of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department made the changes

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David Huang
mechanical engineering
sophomore

because of safety concerns, Tolson said.

The Public Works Department is currently applying for permits to fix the bridges permanently. Currently, the permanent bridges will be in place by fall quarter 2003.

YOUNGLIFE

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viduals in a positive way, said Nate Henry, a recreation administration junior and Younglife leader.

"We want to try and encourage kids as much as we can," Henry said. "Rather than going and hanging out with other kids that might be a bad influence on them, Younglife allows them to spend time with people that can play a constructive role in their lives."

Younglife is made up of 19 Cal Poly students and five alumni. The leaders travel to the various public schools in the area with permission from the local school's administration and meet students whenever they wish, Henry said. Once the kids get familiar seeing the faces of the Younglife leaders, they are offered the chance to come to "club." Club is held once a week and is a time for skits, games and also sharing a little about the wisdom of life, he said.

"It's difficult at first because most of the kids are like 'who the heck are

these guys,'" Henry said. "After a while, they get curious and want to find out what Younglife is all about and that is when we make friends with whomever and just hang out with them."

Younglife has been a part of the community for 12 years and has been nationally recognized for its more than 40 years of mentoring students. The group is nonprofit, and it costs nothing for students at both ends to get involved. The only part that requires money is when the group has its annual summer camp in Oregon. But, even that can be paid for through fund-raisers held by Younglife, such as the car wash, which took place on Sunday, May 12. Leaders and students raised \$1,500 towards paying for summer camp fees so that the kids won't have to pay so much to go.

Although the group is founded upon Christian ideals, past mentors have seen the organization as more than merely a religious youth group.

"The reason why I was attracted to (Younglife) was because it was for the community and any religious



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of Younglife pose together with Wild 106 DJ Maxwell, third from left, at Saturday's find-raising car wash at Walmart in Arroyo Grande.

rhetoric was secondary behind caring for the kids," said Dave Miser, a math senior.

Henry added that the group is not affiliated with any religion in

particular.

"It's not like a group that a kid would go to at a church or something, it's 100 percent for the youth," Henry said.

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National Briefs

Priest accused of molestation was shot on Monday

BALTIMORE — A Roman Catholic priest was shot and wounded outside his Baltimore home, police said Tuesday. Rev. Maurice Blackwell admitted to having sex with one teenage boy and was shot by a second alleged sex-abuse victim, Dontee Stokes, 26.

Stokes admitted to shooting Blackwell, 56, in the wrist and torso Monday at about 6 p.m., a police spokeswoman said. Stokes had been apparently been aggravated by the U.S. Catholic Church's pedophilia scandals. He turned himself in hours after the shooting and was charged with attempted murder and first- and second-degree assault.

Blackwell has been on a permanent leave of absence from the church since 1998 and is in stable condition at the Maryland Shock Trauma Center, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The affair that Blackwell admitted to allegedly occurred before his 1974 ordination. Recently, he has been working as a drug treatment counselor in Washington, D.C.

Police said Stokes accused Blackwell of molesting him in 1993. Blackwell was temporarily suspended for the offense.

— Reuters

Threats against nuclear power plants received

WASHINGTON — The government is reviewing the threats that it has received that say terrorists will strike a U.S. nuclear power plant July 4, officials said. It has not yet been determined whether the information is credible enough to act on.

The threat was received last week and suggested that an unidentified Islamic terrorist group is planning to attack Three Mile Island nuclear facility in Pennsylvania or a plant elsewhere in the Northeast, a source said.

One official said this threat is one of scores that have been filtering through U.S. intelligence agencies, but few are considered serious enough to warn the public.

— Associated Press

Study: Allergies may protect against brain tumors

NEW YORK — The risk of a particular type of brain tumor may be reduced in those who have allergies and autoimmune conditions such as lupus and multiple sclerosis.

Although researchers are still unsure why allergies and autoimmune diseases protect the brain against tumors, the results suggest that immunological factors may be involved. Both allergies and autoimmune diseases occur when the

immune system is dysfunctional, and involve conditions where the immune system launches attacks against the body's own tissues.

In general, the causes of brain tumors are still a mystery. Hereditary conditions account for only 5 percent of all brain tumors.

The study is being performed by a team from the National Cancer Institute. The report was published in the International Journal of Cancer.

The report stated that the risk for glioma tumors and meningioma appear to be reduced by allergies and autoimmune diseases, but other types of brain tumors are not.

— Reuters

International Briefs

Billions slated for China reforestation program

BEIJING, China — In hopes to repair decades of environmental damage and slow the spread of deserts that threaten farmland, China has revealed plans for a \$12 billion effort to plant 170,000 square miles of trees. The project is schedule to take place over a 10-year period, and will cover land that is equal to the area of Spain.

Chinese forestry officials said Tuesday that they anticipate the planting will reverse ecological damage that is blamed for chronic

droughts, deadly flooding and loss of farmland due to erosion.

In some cases, farmers will be paid to turn their croplands into forests.

Some estimates say that only a small percentage of China's land has original forests, and only 16 percent of the country has any trees at all.

— Associated Press

First divorce granted to woman in Jordan

AMMAN, Jordan — For the first time, a woman has divorced her husband in Jordan, a court official said Tuesday. The divorce was allowed under a new law in the Islamic nation, which before January only allowed men to divorce their wives.

The woman, identified only as "S," filed for divorce under the argument that she hated her husband and therefore, they could not live together. Her request was granted by the court last week.

The couple had been married for three years. The court had previously sent the couple to counseling to try to amend the relationship.

Under the terms of the divorce, the woman had to return a portion of her dowry and renounce claim to \$7,000 that she was entitled to receive under their marriage contract.

— Associated Press

Corporal punishment sought by British teacher

LONDON — Laws barring corporal punishment in schools have been challenged by a British headmaster. Phil Williamson, head teacher at the independent Christian Fellowship School in Liverpool, will ask the Court of Appeals to overturn laws which forbid teachers to hit students who misbehave.

Corporal punishment was banned from British schools in 1986. Four years ago, the law was extended to private schools.

Williamson, who is backed by a group of teachers and parents, centers his case on biblical passages, such as "Your rod and staff they comfort me," which he says support the right of Christians to impose corporal punishment as part of their religious beliefs.

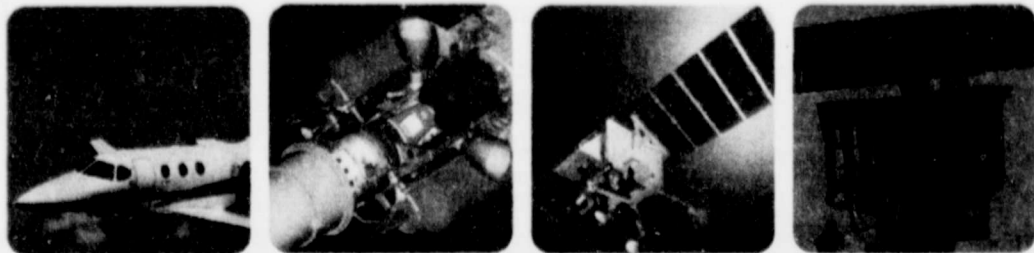
Judges have ruled that there is no defense for teachers who physically punish children and that parents are not entitled to delegate the function of administering corporal punishment to a teacher.

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New show boasts gourmet finds on strict travel budget

By Jennifer Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Rachel Ray may not be able to serve a five-course meal to a dozen of her closest friends like Martha can, and she probably isn't qualified to stir up a mediocre dish and then "kick it up a notch" like Emeril, who turns ordinary foods into an incredible delectable delight, Ray, The Food Network's newest star, can show you how to travel around the country spending only \$40 a day on food. Of course, the average college student could not realistically travel on this extravagant budget, but the show does offer some good information for the future, once the college debt is paid off.

The Food Network's latest catchy show, "\$40 a Day," teaches viewers how to spend less than \$40 a day on meals for themselves while traveling. Ray's helpful tips include visiting local farmers' markets and making friends with the locals because they know about all the great inexpensive places to eat.

The show attempts to spend under \$40 a day while traveling but notes that calculations do not include tips and taxes because of the widely varying nature of those costs. Ray also reminds viewers that the \$40 is spent on one person dining out while traveling, eating three meals a day and a snack.

On a recent episode, Ray began

her jaunt in Los Angeles and promised to show viewers the "real L.A." She then traveled up the coast, seeking the best food the towns had to offer without going over budget.

In true Los Angeles style, Ray hopped in her red convertible and headed off to the Guelaguetza Palms Restaurant, where she spent just \$5.40 on a tamale breakfast. Ray said that seeking out little known Mexican food restaurants is a good way to get more for your money while enjoying the flavors of Mexico. Ray cautioned not to blow your entire budget early in the morning with two more meals to go, but to be sure to eat a hearty breakfast.

Heading up the coast to Neptune's Net in Malibu, Ray was quick to point out that the local fish market was featured in the Hollywood movie, "Fast and the Furious." She said that she hoped the food was as good as the movie and ordered fish and chips, fresh steamed shrimp and a Bud Light. Ray spent \$9.01.

Later on the Southern California show, Ray's snack at Elixir on Melrose Avenue in West Hollywood cost her \$4.42 for a tonic blend depth recharger at the Elixir Bar. The self-proclaimed intrepid tourist, Ray noted that trendy equals expensive and thus a drink equivalent to a Crystal Geyser flavored water cost more than a Starbucks latte.

Ray said that seeking out little known Mexican food restaurants is a good way to get more for your money while enjoying the flavors of Mexico.

Ray said that when trying a new food or drink, exercise moderation. That way you won't blow your food budget on an item you might not really enjoy.

In an area where chefs are stars and stars are chefs, Ray visited an even trendier hot spot for dinner. The Authentic Café, which features Cal Mex Asian food, was where Ray spent the bulk of her money for the day, shelling out about \$21 on the Atlantic salmon dish and glass of wine.

While Ray did seem to accomplish her goal of finding the best food to offer without going over budget in just 12 hours, realistically even those traveling don't spend \$40 a day on meals.

However, for those viewers with a trendy attitude on life, catch Rachel Ray's "\$40 a Day" on The Food Network. "\$40 a Day" airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m. and 1 a.m., Fridays at noon, and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. More information about the show can be found on The Food Network's Web site at www.foodtv.com.

Late-night drug causes concern

By Adrienne Figueroa
DAILY FORTY-NINER

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH, Calif. — With finals just a few weeks away, students who have not been studying in steady increments since January may find themselves burning the midnight oil in an attempt to cram an entire semester's worth of information into one night.

This raises concern among health care professionals who have seen young people reach for over-the-counter or even prescription drugs to assist them in staying awake.

In a recent article in the Stanford Daily, a question was raised about the possible availability of a prescription drug to students which keeps both the mind and the body alert and awake for long periods of time.

Provigil, short for "promotes vigilance," is the name of this wakefulness-promoting agent, which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December 1998 and is currently sold by Cephalon Pharmaceuticals.

Unlike caffeine or amphetamines, Provigil cannot be classified as a stimulant, said Aquita Robinson, medical information specialist for the pharmaceutical company.

The drug works by increasing neuronal activity in the hypothalamic-arousal region of the brain, an area that mediates normal wakefulness in patients, she said.

Although doctors are able to prescribe the drug at their discretion, it has only been FDA approved for the treatment of narcolepsy, a condition characterized by a compulsive tendency to episodes of deep sleep.

Provigil, a drug which side effects include headache, nausea, anxiety and

insomnia, is not designed for those who wish to engage in an all-night study session.

"This is not recommended for college students staying up all night to cram," Robinson said.

Student Health Center pharmacist Alba Thompson warns students on the side effects of these products, which include shaking and heart palpitations. Caution should be exercised when taking Sudafed or another decongestant at the same time as these over-the-counter caffeine pills because bouts of nausea and insomnia are likely to occur.

"I wouldn't want to feel that yucky," Thompson said.

The pharmacist added that she does not want to lecture students, but hopes that they will be able to make informed decisions in favor of their health.

If a cognitive boost is necessary, an herbal alternative to coffee may be worth taking into consideration.

Madonna Morrissey, vitamin manager at Papa Jon's Natural Market and Café on Second Street, recommends one tablet of Turbo Charge, an herbal supplement containing ginseng and other natural products.

"This gives you energy without making you edgy," she said.

However, Morrissey said she does not suggest that it be used in conjunction with a study-filled, sleepless night.

"I don't know how well you would do on the test the next day," she said.

The vitamin specialist advises that students try to get a good night sleep and maintain proper nutrition. Consuming a protein shake with an herbal supplement will be much healthier and easier to digest than fast food during cram studying, when periods of stress and physical inactivity are prevalent, she added.



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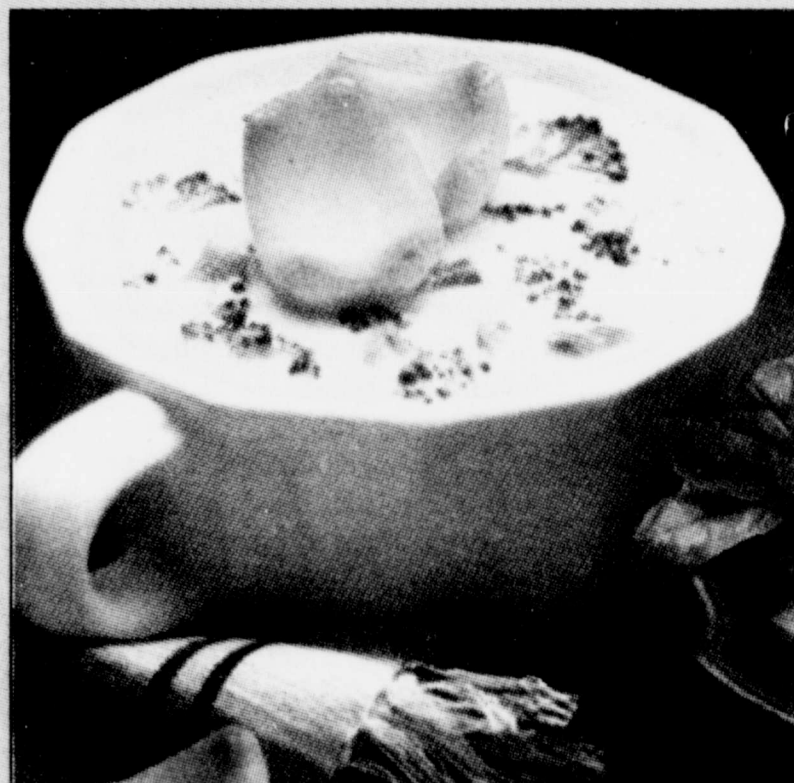
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 1/4 cup flour
 12 ounces of beer, pale ale
 1 quart chicken stock
 8 ounces white cheddar cheese, grated
 Salt and pepper

Garnish:
 Chopped parsley
 1/2 cup small diced toasted croutons



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Brown the bacon in the soup pot. Remove excess grease. Add the butter, onions and celery to the pot with the bacon and cook for five minutes over medium heat. Dust the flour over the vegetables and bacon, cook, stirring for three minutes. Stir in the beer, then the stock.

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'Zippers' are for adults; not a threat to kids

A college party isn't a real party unless the host has made a yummy batch of "Jell-O shots." Of course, who has the time to slave away all day making such treats? Fortunately, someone has come to the rescue!

A small Ohio company is now marketing "Zippers," the first commercially produced version of Jell-O shots.

Commentary Zippers, which are being sold as sweet and chilled packaged cups of fruity-flavored gelatin and alcohol, have long been a staple at college parties. The product is now sold in bars, liquor stores and grocery stores in 26 states, ranging in price from \$6.99 to \$9.99 for an eight-pack. Each gelatin cup contains 12 percent alcohol and has about the same potency as a glass of wine.

While most college students think this is a great idea, there is a national anti-drug coalition alerting parents about the rising popularity of Zippers, the reason being that the product, with its bright and cheery label, looks all too similar to the gelatin dessert packs that thousands of kids take to school every day.

The Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America claims that Zippers are being marketed in ways which appeal to an underage audience. Burt Brooks, owner of the Toledo, Ohio, company rejects the statement, claiming that his product is aimed at 24- to 44-year-old women who like "entertaining nights out with friends (and) fun with no regrets."

While I don't particularly like the statement, "fun with no regrets," I do agree with Brooks. I don't see why he would purposely be marketing his product to kids in the first place. The packaging on his product is clearly marked with a government alcohol warning and a picture of a baby with a red slash through it, indicating that the product is not for kids.

However, school officials and parents are worried that this new product will make it easier for children to sneak alcohol into school. Without the label that states the product contains alcohol, it looks just like Jell-O.

I understand where the concern among parents is coming from, but it's the parents who should be more responsible in making sure their offspring don't get ahold of Zippers. After all, if they're kids, it would be rather difficult for them to purchase the product.

It's my assumption that Brooks and his buddies chose the packaging because people associate their product with the familiar Jell-O dessert, which persuades them into buying Zippers. Now that's good marketing! Studies show that consumers always tend to relate to products that they are familiar with, so why should this case be any different?

It may be that kids mistake Zippers for Jell-O, but as Brooks pointed out in a USA TODAY article, if someone leaves a rum and Coke on the table, a kid might mistake it for Coke and drink it. Kids don't know any better, but they need to be educated.

I think this is a great new product that will bring in an unbelievable profit margin. As long as the company does what it can to avoid marketing to kids and parents do what they can to protect and educate their children, then there should be no controversy about Zippers.

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Letters to the editor

Racism persists because of emphasis on diversity

Editor,

No one will disagree that racism exists in most societies worldwide. Unfortunately, those who have the influential power to shape people's minds (the media) via pop culture have chosen the absolute wrong way to root out racism from our nation. One need only look at a few bulletin boards or Mustang Daily issues to find one reference or another to diversity and its importance on campus and in society.

The basic argument constantly forced upon us is this: "Only through diversity can we truly accept each other." Diversity is thrown out like it is some mystical phenomenon with the power to shape thoughts and beliefs. The logic in this philosophy is non-existent.

This great nation was founded upon the idea that from many we would become one, not that from many we would remain many and somehow live in peace. A mere glance at any piece of American currency will reveal the Latin phrase "E Pluribus Unum." This true American ideal, "from many one," was translated best by John Quincy Adams, who said, "They must cast off the European skin, never to resume it. They must look forward to their posterity rather than backward to their ancestors." Or the words of Woodrow Wilson, who stated, "A man who thinks of himself as belonging to a particular national group in America has yet to become an American."

Marc Blackwood is an aerospace engineering senior.

Covered 'P' teaches a lesson

Editor,

I'd like to thank the individuals who recently covered the rainbow-painted "P" with white paint. I'd like to thank them for blatantly displaying the reason that diversity is important at our university – because a lack thereof breeds ignorance.

However, it is not necessary to reprimand the prejudiced people who took this action. They will have to deal with that hatred themselves, as it will manifest itself in ugliness that exceeds any kind of physical abnormality.

Rather, I'd like to address the Cal Poly community as a whole. For a university that is so tied up in "truth," it surprises me that some students still cannot accept one of the fundamental truths of society – that homosexuality is a reality and that we have a right to live as comfortable a life as anyone else. I'd like to think that I attend a university where disrespect for another's freedom is not tolerated. But I cannot rely on these assumptions.

In keeping with other trends of this campus, I'll offer you this passage from Romans 14:13-14 – "Let us no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean." I invite the campus to consider that homosexuality is not necessarily a bad thing, nor a good thing, but simply is.

Please – just get over it.

Byron Sartain is a city and regional planning sophomore.

Something bigger than fries

Editor,

I am writing in response to Mr. Niesing's letter on May 14 ("Opinions on fries and God"). Through my careful deliberation on the subject and years of experience, I have come to a conclusion. How could somebody be so blind to the facts that they would omit vital information, just as Mr. Niesing has done? Everyone knows that criss-cut fries from Carl's Jr. completely overshadow any possible choice of which fries are the best. I wholeheartedly believe that simply because the criss-cut fry is not the traditional french fry we have seen, that should not void it from any type of decision. I just hope that in the future Mr. Niesing will not simply overlook other fries based on their appearance, but all fries no matter what kind they are, can and will be included in these highly enlightening discussions.

Furthermore, I hope that I do not see more of the type of letters I have just written. They simply are a waste of space and do nothing to promote the greater understanding of our life and all its controversies. I simply want to commend Mr. Niesing and all others like him for their determination to continue speaking on issues that influence our life.

Alex Turner is a history sophomore.

I tried the thinking game

Editor,

As suggested by Justin Fraga (May 10), I decided to play the "fun thinking game" that he recommended in one's search for truth, and here are my answers:

1. I decided that some sort of creator must exist, for the simple reason that all of creation (something) does not come from nothing. I also came to the conclusion (see No. 2), that I am evil, because I often do things that hurt others and myself. If this Creator is perfect, and I am imperfect, I came to the conclusion that nothing I can do in and of myself could make Him want to be with me.

2. Absolutely, there are absolutes. Even if there were not absolutes, there would be absolutely no absolutes, which is a contradiction. That being said, there cannot be more than one truth if those "truths" are in conflict with one another. Evil and good are contradictory, so where one exists, the other does not. I came to the conclusion that anything that does not prolong my life and happiness or the life and happiness of another is evil.

3. I've never seen the "700 Club." I cannot judge the sincerity of the hearts of those involved in such a show. The Bible teaches that there are those who claim to be Christians and only preach Jesus Christ for personal benefit. Fake Christians exist. Whether or not "The 700 Club" is full of phonies who preach Christianity out of selfish ambition, I cannot judge.

4. I decided that I cannot "work" my way to heaven, and every religion besides Christianity asserts that good works are the sole vehicle to spending eternity with God (see No. 1). So if I find a crucial flaw with one of the major premises of every other religious literary work, it's hard for me to find any of these sources credible.

5. If you're a sheep, and you decide not to graze with the flock for the sole purpose of being unique, you're a foolish sheep. What if these sheep have found the best grass? Does it make you a noble creature to go graze in the weeds

and rocks for the sake of being different?

6. I do not entirely distrust myself, but I trust God infinitely more than I trust myself. I trust myself enough to choose to let God have my life, but not enough to try and get to heaven, or get through this life, on my own.

7. Truth is not subjective. The views of an individual on external things are either wrong or right. For example, I may interpret a song as romantic, while another interprets it as boring. That does not change the way that the song is composed, the tempo it is played at, or any other indisputable truths about that song. Just because they're a "unique being with unique perspectives" does not change the truth about the way to God.

8. "Loopholes" in biblical teachings can best be defended by the Bible itself, so forgive me for using scripture. The Bible says that what may be known about God (his eternal power and divine nature) has been made plainly known to all men, and, therefore, that every man has had a chance to acknowledge the existence of God and to follow or reject Him (Romans 1:18-20). God also says that He is the final judge of the hearts and that He is a fair and righteous judge (1 Peter 2:23-25).

Therefore, no matter what the circumstance, be it unborn babies or isolated tribesmen, God is a righteous and just judge, and whatever decision he makes pertaining to those cases will be the just and right one. Referring to capital punishment for things such as homosexuality and insubordination, that is the penalty for any sin. The Bible teaches that Jesus overcame the penalty of death when He died on the cross for our sins. Therefore, capital punishment is the penalty for sin, but Jesus took that penalty for us so that we could spend eternity with Him. Also, the God of the New Testament is seen prescribing the same judgment for sin in the New Testament as in the old. In Matthew 23, Jesus informs the religious leaders of that day that they were evil and false teachers and that they would enter eternal condemnation. God shows uniform prescriptions of mercy and judgment in both testaments, which does not leave a door open for selective interpretation. That's what I call a worthwhile game.

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erator summarized the Chicago committee's findings.

According to the AEJMC Web site, Dates is dean of the School of Communications at Howard University, the vice president of the AEJMC's Executive Committee and one of the faculty members of the ACEJMC. She could not be reached for comment.

"The only thing that they asked (me) about was what we could and couldn't do according to Proposition 209," Hellenbrand said.

The California law passed in 1996, prohibits the state from discriminating against or giving preferential treatment to one person over another.

Hellenbrand said since diversity was one of the reasons the council gave for not re-accrediting the program, they addressed ways to improve the program's diversity, but did not mention ways that would be suitable in California.

"(The council) wanted us to do targeted recruitment of minorities, and set up a timetable for doing that," Hellenbrand said. "And (Proposition 209) prohibits us from doing those two things."

Hellenbrand added that the ACEJMC was re-evaluating the diversity requirement for all accredited programs.

"They were having a meeting themselves later in the afternoon to discuss their implementation of the diversity standard," he said.

Two other issues were discussed in relationship to Cal Poly — administration and space/equipment. As with the diversity standard, Cal Poly's space requirement is not up to the council's standard because of limitations by the state of California, Hellenbrand said.

"The reason why we have less space than (the council) would want for Mustang Daily, CPTV and KCPR is that the actual 'lab' classes that are run in those spaces are few, and we don't have a lot of students in them," he said.

"Those are 'independent activity' spaces, largely ... (the) CSU (system) doesn't provide space (in its formula) for independent activities, they provide

space for classrooms and things like that."

Hellenbrand said that the CSU formula was based on "full-time equivalent (FTE) student utilization," which takes into account the number of units generated by each student. The FTE number is based on a 15-unit quarter and three quarters in an academic year, totaling 45 units earned. In contrast, students enrolled in activity classes such as KCPR, CPTV and Mustang Daily each earn two units per quarter and are required to take two quarters of the class. Using an estimate of 25 students per class, Hellenbrand explained that 50 students per year earn 100 class credits. Therefore, according to the CSU space formula, those 25 students are considered to be only two full-time students.

Hellenbrand said that he wants to maximize the program's chance to get more space, but that it would be hard to do without compromising the independent nature of the student media classes.

"I know of places where the paper was a 'lab' paper. And what a 'lab' paper means is that the department kind of publishes it, and has responsibility and editorial supervision," he said. "I don't think we want to go down that road."

Journalism department chair Nishan Havandjian said that the program plans to deal with the issue of space by remodeling the Mustang Daily newsroom and adding a Macintosh computer lab. He said that the remodel should be finished "hopefully by (next) fall." The new space will also include faculty offices, Hellenbrand said.

The last issue addressed was administration, which Hellenbrand said was Cal Poly's main concern.

The journalism department is currently conducting a search for a new department chair, as Havandjian will step down from that position after next spring.

Currently, faculty advisers, who are often responsible for the technical aspects of the program as well as classroom instruction, lead the student media classes.

"We're asking a lot of those particular positions ... the sets of skills that we're looking for are complex," Hellenbrand said.

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There's no time like overtime

Is there anything more gut-wrenching than watching your team play in overtime? I don't think so. Whether you are watching an extra five minutes in the NBA, waiting for the ever-crucial coin flip in the NFL, or headed to the 10th inning in baseball, nothing creates that feeling in the pit of your

Commentary stomach like the do-or-die situations in overtime. Of course, if you have been drinking a lot of coffee before finals or you are just a little stressed out, you might want to have the feeling in the pit of your stomach checked for an ulcer.

Nothing is more entertaining to me than watching as the NFL overtime is decided by a coin flip. All a team needs is a field goal in sudden death, so the coin flip is crucial. The offense can take care of the job without the defense even taking the field. Losing the coin flip means infinitely more work to win a game, and that's after sweating through the first 60 minutes of football.

The college game has gone to the infamous "Kansas Plan," where both teams get a chance to try and score from the 20-yard line. Neither the Kansas Plan or NFL overtime is exactly perfect, but I'd much rather watch sudden death. Don't even get me started on the Kansas Plan. Let's just say someone needs to be dragged out in the street and shot for that idea.

The NBA has a somewhat less thrilling overtime system to me, because it is usually a little bit of a let-down after some spectacular play in the waning seconds of the fourth to tie the score, but then you have five more minutes to try and decide the game. I'm not knocking it — overtime basketball is still riveting. Hopefully, at the end of the five minutes, there will be another great play to win the game. Overtime hoops always seems to have a little bit more energy. Somehow, they always seem to summon up just a little bit more energy to get a crucial transition bucket, or to get close enough for that buzzer-beater.

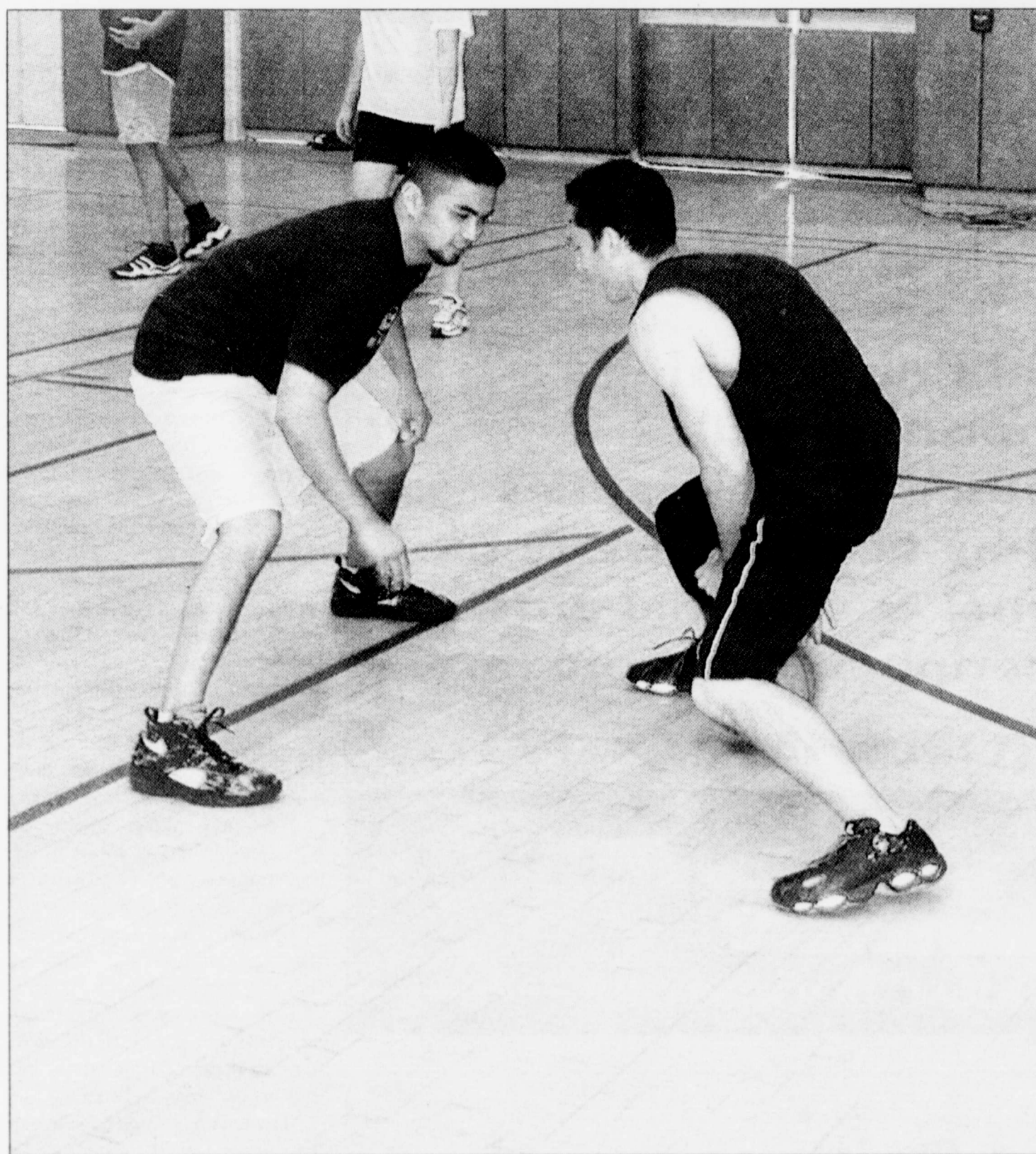
However, I will never pass up watching an extra-innings baseball game. How could I? It's free baseball. I did dream up this column after playing an extra inning softball game this weekend, and then while watching the Dodgers and Giants both win extra inning games on Monday.

Every error could mean the game, every pitch must be perfect or it will be crushed into the seats, and every move the manager makes becomes crucial. A lot of people complain that baseball is boring, but it is never boring late in the game or in extra time.

Any sports fan will tell you that they can't wait for the next overtime because anyone with a pulse can feel the sheer drama. It doesn't even matter if it is your team or not. Someone has to win each game, but sometimes it just takes a little longer to find out the victor.

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Tuesday night hoops at the Rec



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Mechanical engineering freshman John Padilla, right, practices his crossover moves on graphic communications senior James Sablan before the two played in an intramural basketball game.

Prized wrestling recruit signs on for Poly

By Nick Hopping
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In the 29-year history of the California State High School wrestling tournament, there have been eight athletes who have won three titles. This elite group includes former NCAA champs and Olympic gold medalists.

However, there has never been a

By the numbers

► Vasquez won four CIF titles - the first in California wrestling history

► The recruit will compete in the 125-pound weight division

four-time champ — until last March. And he's coming to Cal Poly. Darrell Vasquez, one of the biggest recruits to come out of California as

named by numerous athletes and coaches alike, signed a national letter of intent with Cal Poly on May 2.

"It's a credit to the direction Cal Poly wrestling is headed," said Lennis Cowell, head wrestling coach for 17 years.

During a phone interview, Vasquez left no doubt as to why he chose to become a Mustang.

"Coach John — I've been calling

▼ "It's a credit to the direction Cal Poly wrestling is headed."

Lennis Cowell
Cal Poly wrestling head coach

him that my whole life, and now it's for real," he said.

"Coach John," as in first-year assistant wrestling coach and former Olympian John Azevedo, has known Vasquez since he was in elementary school.

The Bakersfield High School senior became the first four-time California State Wrestling Champ last March, completing a stellar career that included 201 wins and just seven losses. Vasquez, who will compete at 125 pounds for Cal Poly, was named to the prestigious Asics-Tiger All-American wrestling team after placing second at the National High School Wrestling Championships.

He earned the Dave Schultz Award twice, in 2001 and 2002, and was also the first four-time winner of the Five Counties Invitational Tournament.

"(Vasquez) has an ability to compete at a high level," Azevedo said. "He has the right mental approach

to the sport and the desire to be a champion."

There's a photo of Vasquez on the CIF wrestling Web site, adorned in a blue and white singlet and headgear, on his knees, fists clenched, arms raised parallel toward the heavens after winning his third state title.

It was taken after the most highly anticipated finals match-up in California high school wrestling history, pitting Vasquez against three-time state champ Jacob Palomino of Independence, Calif. They met under the spotlight on the University of the Pacific arena floor, in front of a standing-room-only crowd of more than 8,000. Hyped up for months, this was the main event.

Each athlete had defeated the other once earlier in the season and had the chance to dodge each other by switching weight classes, which would virtually guarantee that they would both be four-time champs.

Instead, they put it all on the line.

Something had to give.

Vasquez won 5-2.

So, when asked if he had a list of his credentials for a press release, Vasquez quickly responded.

"What credentials?"

He sounds as if he has bigger things in mind.

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NEWS

San Diego State defeats UNM for league title

By Joel Sartan
THE DAILY AZTEC

(U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO — San Diego State did what it had to at the University of New Mexico on Sunday: survive.

San Diego outlasted New Mexico by a 15-11 count in a game that saw the two teams combine for 45 hits. In doing so, the Aztecs clinched the Mountain West Conference regular season title and the top seed at the MWC Tournament set for May 22-25 in Provo, Utah.

Jake McLintock and Carlo Cota paced San Diego's 24-hit attack with four RBI apiece. McLintock was 3-for-4 on the day with a homer and two runs scored while Cota was 3-for-5 at the plate.

Anthony Gwynn gave the Aztecs a four-run cushion in the top of the ninth inning with his first career home run. He finished the day with three RBI. Josh Hill had three doubles and three runs scored in the win.

Joe Carque (7-3) picked up the win in the clincher.

Saturday's score looked like it came from a game that would get San Diego State into a bowl game. Instead, it guaranteed San Diego at least a tie for first place in the Mountain West Conference.

Losses by Air Force and BYU combined with the Aztecs' 21-15 win at New Mexico on Saturday clinched SDSU at least a share of the regular season MWC title with four games remaining.

As has become the norm at UNM, winds gusting to 35 mph made life difficult for pitchers on both teams. Aztecs starter Chris Dunwell gave up 10 runs (four earned), but still went into the seventh inning to pick up his eighth win of the year.